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Military

1. The town commandant, a Soviet Colonel (name unknown) and the harbor commandant, Major Tarakanov (fnu), are the same as eight months ago. Since the Volkspolizei did not enjoy the confidence of the Soviets, they have been replaced during the past eight months by Soviet Military Police, who guard the harbor, and by strongly Communist police units from Saxony. Only activists are trusted and are being engaged as "factory guards" for the shipyards.
2. A tall wooden fence separates the harbor from the town. With the exception of the harbor guard, which is numerically weak and consists of only a few men, and the Komendatura personnel, who have been moved outside the town, there is no Soviet military personnel in Stralsund itself, or the Stralsund district.
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4. A small naval unit, without boats, is stationed at Schaprode (P57) on the main road from Stralsund to Greifswald, the terminus of the Rügen ferry. There are small units of the Soviet Army on Rügen, although soldiers are rarely seen.

The Harbor

5. In general, the harbor has been rather quiet and has not been altered in constructional detail except at the Ballastkiste, where Soviet motor torpedo boats occasionally bunker. There a section of the pier has been reinforced with stone blocks. The number and types of cranes remain unchanged.

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6. There has been no dredging, and as the Rihoft waterway has become silted up, the harbor must now be approached from the east.

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